

Amendment No. 4 to HB1175

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AMEND Senate Bill No. 1469

House Bill No. 1175*

by deleting all language after the enacting clause and substituting instead the following:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 71, Chapter 5, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

(a) The bureau of TennCare shall reimburse an ambulance service provider that provides a covered service to a TennCare recipient at a rate not less than sixty-seven and one-half percent (67.5%) of the federal medicare program's allowable charge for participating providers. For purposes of this section, "ambulance service provider" means a public or private ground-based ambulance service that bills for transports and has a base of operations in this state.

(b) This section does not affect the Ground Ambulance Service Provider Assessment Act, compiled under part 15 of this chapter. Funds described under this section and part 15 of this chapter may not be used to fund the other.

SECTION 2. The bureau of TennCare shall seek an intergovernmental transfer of funds, in consultation with, and subject to approval of, the commissioner of finance and administration for the sole purpose of increasing the rate of reimbursement to ambulance service providers that provide covered services to TennCare recipients at a rate greater than the rate described under Section 1(a).

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.